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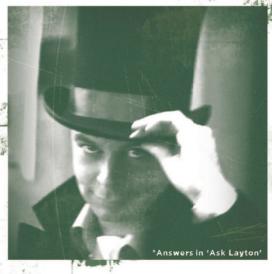
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When asked how tough the puzzles would be, the kind professor replied:

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This reporter, for one, had no bloody idea what the professor meant but was assured that the worthy puzzlers would understand with ease.



COUNTLESS LONDONERS IN NEED OF SOLUTIONS!

LONDON, ENG.— Curious happenings and strange goings on abound in our once jolly London town! A letter from the future has told of a coming destruction. Even more mystifying is the wave of puzzlement and puzzle-posing that has swept across the city-coinciding with this impending doom. It has affected countless good townspeople.

When asked about the possibility of London falling down, Councilgoer Todd Tattlebottom of Porkpyshire queried, "There are only two T's in my name. True or false mate?" Curious.²

Interviewed about the likelihood of this letter travelling from the future, local scientist and garbage collector Bert Bertelby boasted, "I just threw this here ball as hard as I could and it came back to me. It didn't hit nothin', have nothin' attached to it or was touched by no one else. Know how I did it, heh?" Very odd goings-on indeed.3

Amid the confusion, the citizens have turned to who else but Professor Hershel Layton: world champion puzzle solver, magnificent mental magician and the undisputed gentlemanliest gentleman in all of London. He has vowed to "Solve the people's every puzzle as he unravels the mystery of London's future." Here's hoping!





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WEATHER



Today's forecast* predicts a fair amount of rain in the midmorning, a bit more rain in the afternoon and quite a bit of rain and fog in the evening. As the day is so gloomy, we cannot even begin to tell you the time on our sundial— which, by the way, is the timepiece with the fewest moving parts. Do you happen to know which timepiece has the most moving parts of all?⁵

*Forecast as always purely an inaccurate guesstimate

SPORTING

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AN UTTERLY CONFUS-ING RACE FINISH

The greatest race in Britain took place yesterday afternoon. The weather was perfectly brilliant as

all the racers waited at the starting line for the gun to sound. And they're off! The competition was close until the team from Wales took the lead. It seemed impossible since the Welsh team was racing backwards. Though the officials stand by their decision, there still seems to be a looming question among the crowd. How did Wales possibly win the race if they were all going backwards? 6

GOLFER RETURNS TO GREENS TOMORROW

Coxhoe golfer Graham

Eaglebeak possesses an unaccountable ability: he can only putt distances of 3, 5, 7 and 11 feet. Equal blessing and curse- this means he all too often whacks the ball over the cup. He is also a man known for ill temper, as he amply displayed yesterday at the Puttsmuch Open, where an enraged Eaglebeak stomped off of the course, leaving his ball 20 feet from the hole. Officials elected to allow him to finish his game tomorrow- then we shall see just how many swats it'll take the petulant putter to sink

his shot.7

CRIMES



MYSTIFYING MISSIVE BEWILDERS BOBBIES

Saturday's jewel theft in Knightsbridge has the local constabulary in a state of utter bafflement. Witnesses report three men in the vicinity of the crime: Howard Rushcliffe, Mark Neckett and Clifford Nadgett. The incident took a tricky turn yesterday when police received an anonymous note reading simply, "?"8

WHODUNIT?

On Thursday, a mastermind criminal was able to steal an extremely valuable 18-carat diamond from its top-security location. Authorities are puzzled as to how the man was able to escape the room that holds the diamond, as it was designed to make it impossible for anyone to exit the room.

"The room only has two doors to the outside world," remarked the architect who built the room, Alexander M. Blerguson. "But the 1st door is constructed of a magnifying glass material that makes it impossible for anyone to exit without being burned up by the sun, instantly. And the 2nd door is fingerprint sensitive-and that man does not have the right fingerprints to leave!"

Officials are still trying to explain the mystery.9

POLITICS



UNKEPT PROMISES?!
UNHEARD OF!

Stuart Hearslittle, of the mayor's office, promised all citizens he would grant any request he hears. Many members of the town made requests but so far none were granted. Mrs. Ellenstein from the corner fruit stand said, "I asked the mayor's office for a truck to bring fruit to the orphans, but Hearslittle never responded." H.B. Cutswell, owner of the hair salon Quite the Quaff, said, "I asked to change citizen's hairstyles to benefit the overall beauty of the town, heard nothing. Hearslittle promises he didnt lie to the citizens. The citizens are not pleased and are calling for the Mayor's removal if he is found be to lying. Using your cunning and wit is Mayor Hearslittle lying?10









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Now that they're friends again, what should Kanye and Taylor do first?

Ana (@accidentallysxy): What? The VMAs were a musical version of Taylor saying "apology unaccepted" and Kanye saying "not that sorry."

Jake Giles (@jakemgiles): After sharing cheesecake in the lanai, Taylor thanks Kanye for the career boost.

Scott (@iptib): Share a big bowl of spaghetti and meatballs, a la Lady and the Tramp. Not saying Kanye's a tramp, of course.



Whom do you nominate to be Chicago's next mayor?

Ana: Lou Ferrigno. If California can have the Terminator for governor, Chicago can have the Hulk for mayor.

Alvsse Dalessandro (@alvssed): Someone's who is openly gay or a woman. White men are so 2009.

Scott: Me. Consider this my first campaign ad. (I approve this message.)



Give Oprah a piece of travel advice for her trip to Australia.

Ana: If I learned anything from "Thunder From Down Under." it's that Australians all have fake accents

Waymon Hudson (@waymon hudson): Don't take Gayle. All she does is complain. And no more "vajayjay" jokes ... especially down under.

Scott: At O'Hare, don't yell, "Please welcome Oprah Winfrey to the airport."





Keep enioving it while it lasts, folks

56 But it doesn't seem to.



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54 ... all that soon ...



56 might be a long fall

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PLANE CRASHIN VENEZUELA KILLS 15

CNN

More than two-thirds of the passengers survived an airplane crash Monday morning in southeastern Venezuela, government officials said.

Fifteen people were confirmed dead and 36 survived when the plane, carrying 51 passengers and crew, crashed in the state of Bolivar, Gov. Francisco Rangel Gomez said.

Many of the survivors were taken to hospitals in the city of Guayana, he said. At least two of the victims died at the hospital, said Yanitza Rodriguez, director of the Hospital Uyapar.

Rangel Gomez declared three days of mourning but called it a "miracle" that so many people

survived.

The survivors "are with some problems, but they are alive, thank God," he said.

Authorities had identified all but six of the deceased. A names of the victims would be withheld until they are all identified, Rangel Gomez said.

The aircraft belongs to the government-owned Conviasa airline.

Aerial photographs showed that the plane crashed in an industrial storage yard.

Best Western hotel clerk Ivan Maradey said he saw the plane tumble into some power lines before hitting the ground and exploding.

The aircraft was an ATR42, a twin-turboprop, short-haul airplane built in France and Italy, Rangel Gomez said. Conviasa Flight 2350 was en route from Isla Margarita to Guayana when it crashed near Puerto Ordaz, the governor said.

The cause of the crash had not been determined and remained under investigation, Rangel Gomez said. He identified the pilot as Ramiro Cardenas.

The officials made their comments on the CNN-affiliated Globovision TV station.

Federal investigators arrived at the scene Monday afternoon to begin examining the crash site, the state-run AVN news agency reported.

Major plane crashes in the past 16 months

newsflash

The plane crash Monday in Venezuela was at least the 10th major airline crash since June 2009. cnn

• AUG. 24, 2010

A Henan Airlines passenger plane overshot a runway and caught fire in northeast China. Ninety-six people were on board; 42 of them died.

JULY 28, 2010

An Airblue plane crashed on the outskirts of Pakistan's capital, Islamabad, killing 152 people.

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An Air India Express plane from Dubai overshot the runway in southern India's Mangalore, killing at least 158 people.

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An Afriqiyah Airways flight crashed in the Libyan capital of Tripoli, killing 103 people.

APRIL 1, 2010

A plane crash killed Polish President Lech Kaczynski and about 100 others in western Russia.

• JAN. 25, 2010

An Ethiopian Airlines flight plunged into the Mediterranean Sea, killing 90 people.

JULY 15, 2009

An Iranian airliner crashed near Qazvin, killing 168 people.

JUNE 30, 2009

A Yemenia Airways flight from Sanaa to Comoros missed the airport and crashed into the Indian Ocean, killing at least 152.

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RIDER'S BLOCK

My pledge to ride every CTA bus line continues. I rode the No. 129-West Loop/South Loop this week and boiled my review down to a tweet. Check out photos at redeyechicago. com/busride.

@tracyswartz

22 mins from McCormick Place to Ogilvie Transportation Center. Rush hour schedule. A dozen or so riders. Stop needs better signs at Ogilvie. Next up: No. 39-Pershing

Scary sights on the CTA

It looks like Halloween came early to the Linden Purple Line stop. Or rather, it never left.

Hanging above Linden's platform are a few ghoulish owls (such as the one pictured at right) that homeowners - and the CTA—use to scare away pigeons and other birds. Gwynne Monahan, 29, of Gurnee, wrote to Going Public to point out the creatures, which she said she's seen since fall 2008. Other riders wrote to GP with their disturbing CTA sightings.



an e-mail to tswartz@tribune. name, age and neighborhood.

ted six young fare hoppers last week at the Clark/Lake station, which serves every line but the Red and Yellow lines. "Happens at least every other day," Egger, of Albany Park, told GP. Fare jumpers, beware. The CTA cracked down on this practice on the Brown Line earlier this year with canine patrols.

Phantom buses

Uninvited quests

Brad Egger, 34, told GP he spot-

Lisa King, 39, said she's been having problems with the No. 147-Outer-Drive-Express buses appearing on Bus Tracker. Last week, King said the tracker said the bus was 12 minutes away, then seven minutes away, then it could not display a time, then it was 11 minutes away. King, of Edgewater, said the bus arrived 25 minutes later. "It's an ongoing issue, no point to use Tracker," King told GP.

Scary facade

John Keating Jr., of the Near North Side, wrote to GP about the Pulaski Orange Line stop, which is suffering from graffiti along its stairwell. Keating complained that the graffiti has been smeared in an attempt to clean it. "The 'artists' just keep adding more on top. The CTA should just paint over the tile surface," Keating, 76, wrote to GP.

Surviving a 'Low-Car Diet'

Forget carbs; ditch your car. That's the theme of the campaign by car-sharing service Zipcar, which is encouraging drivers around the country not to use their own car for a month, starting Tuesday. Participants, including Chicagoans, post their experiences at **zipcar**. com/lowcardiet. Last year, "Top Chef" Season 3 runner-up Dale Levitski signed up for the challenge, according to Zipcar's website.



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Talk queen eclipses famous car giveaway by handing out trips to Australia in final season's premiere

From news services

Giving away cars is soooooo 2004.

For the premiere of her 25th and final season that aired Monday, Oprah Winfrey dazzled the audience with an all-expenses-paid, eight-day trip to Australia.

"We're going to Australia! We are going to Australia! You and you and you and you, are going to Australia!" the Chicago media queen said during the broadcast, echoing her famous "you get a car, you get a car" episode six years prior.

Some 300 audience members clapped, cried and hugged as Winfrey announced the trip and introduced pilot-actor John Travolta, who stepped out of a mock-up of a jet rolled onto the stage.

Some of her show's staff also will fly to Sydney in December, where the Sydney Opera House will be transformed into the "Oprah" House for a taping of her show.

Monday's surprise trip rivals one of Winfrey's most famous episodes, when she gave away cars to each of her audience members to open her 19th season in 2004. She's also known for giving away thousands of dollars in gifts to the lucky audience members who attend her annual "Favorite Things" show.

Winfrey announced last year that she would be taking her longtime talk show off the air. As of Jan. 1, she will move on to her new OWN network, and as a result, she told TV Guide, she has different standards for her guests for the upcoming season.

"This year will be about creating moments," she said. "Twenty-five years feels right in my bones and it feels right in my spirit. It's the perfect number—the exact right time," Winfrey said in a statement at the time.

Since then, the TV mogul has said her show will go out with a bang. The premiere week of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" will feature an appearance by country stars Naomi and Wynonna Judd; a return visit to Williamson, W.Va., where Winfrey did an episode on HIV and AIDS in 1987; and the announcement of Winfrey's latest book club selection.

Winfrey's departure leaves big shoes to fill. For 24 seasons the onetime Baltimore news anchor has dominated her realm like few other modern media stars. While ads for Winfrey's final year are being sold at a premium, her departure will leave a void in the schedules of many stations around the country.

Aha! And other Oprah moments

From the book club to Dr. Phil, Oprah Winfrey's talk show has been a home to memorable moments and groundbreaking broadcasts. TRIBUNE, REDEYE, CNN



1986"The Oprah Winfrey Show" first hits national airwayes



1995Then-first lady Hillary Clinton on the show. **GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO**



2005Tom Cruise's famous couch-jumping episode.





2004 276 audience members receive new cars.







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Winfrey shuts

Avenue for

down Michigan

season opener.



MONDAY

audience.

Winfrey opens final

season, gives trips to

cutout as her hall pass and "Oprah" shows on Columbine and racism as teaching tools.

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But like left Gordon driving a slow victory.

But like Jeff Gordon driving a slow victory lap, Winfrey will give us plenty of time to admire her and to say goodbye.

"This year is the Mount Everest of bar-raising," said Sheri Salata, the show's executive producer. "There is a gravity to this and a sense of responsibility. For every show, we're looking to create a moment that we might not have had in another year."

Producers have asked themselves, she said, "How do we do everything bigger and better and even more delightfully this year? We're looking at everything as an 'ultimate.' " So when the show does its last "Favorite Things" giveaway episode during November sweeps, it'll be the "ultimate" "Favorite Things" episode, Salata said.

Winfrey told TV Guide that everyone has to step up their games. "I can assure you we're saying to all of our celebrity friends this is not the year you can come on and just promote your book or promote your song," she said. "You have to create moments."

CNN, TRIBUNE, REUTERS CONTRIBUTED.



Berkus breaks off

Oprah Winfrey protege and Chicago style expert Nate Berkus (above) kicked off his own show Monday as his mentor started her final season. "The Nate Berkus Show," airing at 2 p.m. weekdays on WMAQ-Ch. 5 (NBC), is all about your home, its decor and making your life more livable. Here's a quick rundown of this week's shows. REDEYE

TUESDAY

'Going Vogue at Home on a Budget'

The ultimate insiders tell how to get the hottest new looks at home for a bargain basement price, and actress Kim Coles reveals the dirty little secret that is taking over her home.

WEDNESDAY

'Nate's Crate 911'

Dolly Parton joins Berkus for "Nate's Crate 911," when he surprises viewers with gifts to make their lives better.

THURSDAY

'Look Thinner in Pictures'

Berkus and his guests reveal ways to keep you looking slim in all your favorite photos without losing a pound.

FRIDAY



'Design after Divorce' Elizabeth Edwards (left) speaks out when Berkus

travels to Chapel Hill, N.C., for an exclusive interview.

"Her loyal audience has a lot of choice—including Oprah, as she will be on cable," said Larry Wert, president of NBC Local Media for the Midwest and West. "But, competitively, Oprah stations will be challenged to try and hold those audiences, and competitors will see it as an opportunity to grow audience share."

While some online commenters have greeted Winfrey's planned departure with remarks such as "finally," many more fans are missing her already.

"I'm not ready to let her go," said Tosha Ridgeway, an English teacher at Rockwall (Texas) High School who uses a life-size Oprah

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Boy's death an accident

Chicago Tribune

For years, the Far South Side block where the multigenerational Pierce family cared for their children felt safe with its older residents and families, but one family member felt the home in a crime-plagued Roseland neighborhood needed some extra protection. So he brought in a shotgun.

On Sunday evening, after finding the key that kept the 20-gauge weapon under lock, 12-year-old Michael Pierce and his older brother played with the weapon until it fired, striking Michael in the face, Chicago police said.

Michael's mother told authorities she found him at about 6:50 p.m. at the foot of the basement stairs at the home in the 0-99 block of East 103rd Place. Less than 30 minutes later, the sixth-grader was pronounced dead at an Oak Lawn hospital, authorities said. Police questioned his 14-year-old brother but concluded the shooting was accidental and released him without charges, police said Monday.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services also was investigating the circumstances of Michael's death, spokesman Kendall Marlowe said. He said the household never has been part of any investigations by the agency.

Michael's family praised the boy while asking for privacy to grieve, saying the spotlight was upsetting the family's 78-year-old matriarch.

Over the years, the family adopted a number of children, including Michael, who was 4 months old when adopted.

"I loved him from the day he came to live with us," older sister Sheri said on the front porch as she held the boy's picture. Another sister, Yolanda, called the boy a blessing to the family.



Yolanda Pierce holds a photo of her adopted brother, Michael, outside her family's Roseland home Monday. Police say Michael, 12, was accidentally shot to death Sunday evening. ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE

SCHOOL MOURNS

At Roseland Christian School, which Michael Pierce attended, grief counselors were on hand to console the 114-student body, Principal James VanZyl said. School officials announced Michael's death at a morning gathering followed by a prayer for the popular boy. "He was a serious student, and he was very well-liked by the kids," VanZyl said.

Lawsuit alleges CTA bus dragged woman 20 feet

Chicago Tribune

A South Side woman who says she got caught in the door of a CTA bus and was dragged for 20 feet has sued the agency and one of its drivers.

Debra Pearson, 50, was trying to board a "very crowded bus" at 110 W. 79th St. on April 28 when the incident occurred, according to her attorney, Kevin J. McNamara.

McNamara said Pearson's husband got

on the bus first and had taken his wife's arm to help her board when the doors suddenly closed, trapping her right arm near the elbow.

The driver then pulled away and dragged Pearson for about 20 feet before some passengers saw what was happening and screamed for him to stop, McNamara said.

Pearson was treated at St. Bernard Hospital, McNamara said. Doctors found no fractures, but Pearson since has been treated multiple times for nerve damage, McNamara said.

The lawsuit was filed this month in Cook County Circuit Court.

CTA officials on Monday said they cannot discuss pending litigation.

The driver, who could not immediately be reached, is a 15-year CTA veteran, according to public records.

Good news and bad on state test scores

Chicago Tribune

Average SAT scores in Illinois dropped across all subjects for the class of 2010, but there was good news too: The graduates showed they could outwrite their peers nationally.

Illinois posted the highest average score in the country on the essay portion of the SAT college admissions test in writing, tied with Connecticut, Michigan and Minnesota, according to results released this morning by the College Board.

The news comes just months after state education officials canceled Illinois' own writing test for elementary and junior high students because of budget shortfalls, prompting concerns that writing instruction will taper off as students head toward the critical high school years.

Illinois still will give the 11th-grade state writing test this school year.

Across the country, the SAT writing exam posed a challenge to 2010 graduates, with nearly every state posting lower scores in writing compared with reading and mathematics, a Tribune review of all state results showed.

The SAT writing section includes multiple choice grammar questions, and a separate essay in which students have 25 minutes to write on an assigned topic. The top essay score is 12. Illinois students scored an average 7.9, down slightly from 8 in 2009, but the highest in the country.

Still, with results from all parts of the writing test combined, Illinois' average writing score slid to 577, from 583 in 2009.

Likewise, Illinois' average reading score dipped to 585, from 588 in 2009; and the average math scored dropped to 600, from 604 in 2009.

Mary Fergus, a spokeswoman for the Illinois State Board of Education, noted that fewer than 6 percent of the state's students take the SAT.

"You never want to see scores decline but this is a very slight dip of less than one percent," she said.

"Illinois students continue to post well above the national average and we have seen overall gains in scores over the past decade, up 17 points in reading and up 14 points in math."

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Party guest files lawsuit in wake of porch collapse

Chicago Tribune

A lawsuit was filed Monday against the owner of a Lakeview building where a back porch collapsed this weekend, injuring several people.

The building's owner, Jean Lee, also was cited by the city for failure to "rebuild or replace [a] dilapidated and dangerous porch."

At least eight people were on the wooden secondstory porch about 1:20 a.m. Sunday when it separated from the building and collapsed, according to city of-

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Alana Heber, who was among about 20 people at an impromptu house-warming party for a friend who had just moved into the building in the 3700 block of North Ashland Avenue, said Heber's attorney Francis Patrick Murphy. Heber, 23, was standing on the deck when it gave

"All of a sudden, with no warning, the deck collapses and falls to the ground," Murphy said. "The eight kids standing on it slide down the deck and land on top of each other."

Four people were taken to the hospital following the collapse. Heber was not among them but went to the hospital later Sunday for injuries to her ankle and shoulder. Murphy said.

The lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, alleges that the building's owner failed to properly design, construct, maintain, inspect and repair the

Chicago building inspectors estimated the deck is at least 20 years old and was not built to current standards. The building code requires porches to support 100 pounds of pressure per square foot.

In addition to its citation, the city required Lee to remove alterations made to the building's attic without a permit or submit plans for approval.

A judge likely will hear the case in housing court early next week, McCaffrey said.



Workers on Monday remove a porch that collapsed over the weekend, injuring four people. MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

Lawyer: Wade should get custody of his children

Chicago Tribune

NBA superstar Dwyane Wade should be granted sole custody of his children, a court-appointed lawyer representing the Wades' two young children said as a custody trial started Monday in Cook County.

The Miami Heat point guard, who grew up in south suburban Robbins, and his high school sweetheart were embroiled for years in an ugly divorce that finally was settled in June. The two are each seeking sole custody of their two sons, ages 8 and 3.

Lawyers for Wade and his ex-wife, Siohvaughn, traded barbs in their opening statements in Circuit Judge Renee Goldfarb's courtroom.

Wade's lawyer, James Pritikin, accused the former

wife of "bizarre" behavior and tampering with Wade's scheduled visitation time with the children. He said he expects that behavior to continue—at the detriment of Wade's relationship with his sons.

"She's her own boss," Pritikin said. "The court has no authority over her and she totally disrespects its author-

But Siohvaughn Wade's lawyer, Michael Haber, countered that the NBA all-star simply is too busy to be the boys' sole caretaker, calling it a "selfish desire."

"In order to be a good custodial parent, you must be available to parent the children," Haber said. "Unfortunately, this is not feasible for a person like Dwyane Wade."

Creditors seek OK to sue Zell

The unsecured creditors' committee in Tribune Co.'s bankruptcy case asked a judge Monday for the right to sue Chicago real estate magnate Sam Zell and others who participated in the company's ill-fated 2007 leveraged buvout.

Motorist strikes police officers

Two Cook County sheriff's officers were struck by a motorist Monday as she tried to leave a jail complex on the West Side. The officers were struck in the 2800 block of West 31st Street.

Treasurer weighing mayoral run

Another Cook County official is considering a campaign to succeed Mayor Daley, who announced last week he won't seek a record seventh term. "I'm really, really looking at it," Cook **County Treasurer** Maria Pappas said Monday.

Bicvclist hurt in **Lincoln Park**

A bicyclist was hurt Monday morning after being struck by a vehicle in the 2600 block of North Lincoln Avenue in Lincoln Park, police said. The victim was taken in serious-tocritical condition to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.



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Igor winds at 150 mph

Hurricane Igor maintained its Category 4 status Monday afternoon, still huffing and puffing top sustained winds of 150 mph, although tracking maps show the storm remaining in the open Atlantic, far from land.

Alleged bomber fires lawyers

Umar Farouk AbdulMutallab, the man accused of trying to blow up a plane this past Christmas, said in a Detroit court Monday he no longer wants to be represented by federal defenders and would act as his own attorney.

Student loan defaults rise

The overall default rate on federal student loans climbed to 7 percent in fiscal year 2008 from 6.7 percent a year earlier, the Department of Education said Monday. That's the highest since 1997, when the rate stood at 8.8 percent.

Shake hands, live longer?

A firm handshake could be a sign of a longer life expectancy, according to British researchers. Scientists at the Medical Research Council found that elderly people who still could give a firm handshake and walk at a brisk pace were likely to outlive their slower peers.

Study: Sanitizers ineffective

New research out of the University of Virginia finds that alcohol-based hand sanitizers-Purell, Germ-X and the likeare of no particular use in warding off the flu. They also failed to ward off rhinovirus, a major cause of the common cold.

Relief well work resumes

BP said it resumed drilling Monday on a relief well as efforts to permanently seal the previously leaking Gulf of Mexico oil well appeared to be entering their final stages.

YouTube tests live video

Live-streaming video on YouTube, until now a rare novelty, may be getting a lot more common. The video sharing site on Monday began working with a handful of partners to test a new platform that will let users post live chats and other events on their YouTube channels

Crime rate tumbles in U.S.

WASHINGTON The nation's crime rate dropped an additional 5 percent last year, continuing a 20-year trend that has cut the incidence of major crimes nearly in half, according to the FBI's crime sta-

Crime experts have cited several possible explanations for the falling crime rate, including better policing, a swelling of the prison population, the decline of the crack cocaine epidemic and an aging population. But regardless of the reason, crime fell sharply during the 1990s and has declined gradually since then.

Last year, the rate of murders and man-

REPORT BY REGION

The FBI also breaks down its data by four regions of the nation and reported that property and violent crimes are highest in the South and lowest in the

slaughter was 5.0 per 100,000 Americans, down from 9.8 in 1991. Overall, the rate of violent crimes fell more than a third during that time, from a rate of 758 per 100,000 in 1991 to 429 last year.

Common property crimes also declined sharply over the two decades. For example, the FBI counted 1,661,000 thefts of motor vehicles in 1991. Last year, it counted 794,616.

"This is good news. It should get more attention," said John Conklin, a Tufts University sociologist who has written widely on crime and its causes.

He said the recent declines in crime contradict predictions that a bad economy and high unemployment would lead to an increase in robberies and other crimes.

"If you lock up a lot more people, you will probably see reduced crime," he said. "That's doesn't necessarily mean I recommend a 'lock-them-up' policy. We have the world's highest rate of incarceration."



A man takes a woman in his boat through a submerged street Monday in Tlacotalpan, Mexico. At least 25 people have died since the end of August in southern and eastern Mexico because of heavy rains and flooding. GETTY IMAGES

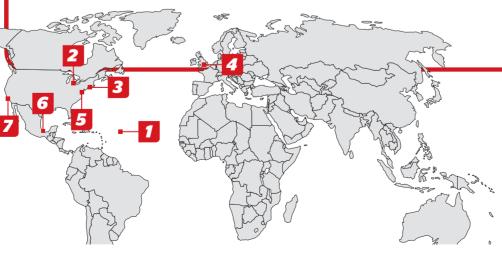
Jay Mariotti charged with seven counts

LOS ANGELES L.A. city prosecutors have charged former Sun-Times columnist and ESPN personality Jay Mariotti with seven misdemeanors in connection with an incident last month in which he allegedly grabbed and shoved his livein girlfriend, officials said Monday.

Mariotti, a regular contributor on ESPN's "Around the Horn," faces seven counts in all in connection with the domestic disturbance call last month at the couple's condominium, said Frank Mateljian, spokesman for the L.A. city attorney's office.

Charges include two counts of domestic violence with injury, two counts of domestic violence, one count of grand theft, one count of false imprisonment and one count of vandalism.

Each of the counts carries a maximum of a year in jail, meaning he could face up to seven years behind bars.



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FACE THE MUSIC

Here are some of the songs Sox players have used this season for their at-bat music, or in pitchers' case, their at-mound music. M.B.

Gordon Beckham

"Your Love" by The Outfield

Paul Konerko

"Harvester of Sorrow" by Metallica

A.J. Pierzynski

» "A.J. Scratch" by Kurtis Blow; "Bullets" by Creed

Andruw Jones

» "On To The Next One" by Jay-Z; "Turn My Swag On" by Soulja Boy Tell 'Fm

Alex Rios

"Oye Como Va" by Celia Cruz

Mark Teahen

"Party in Miami" by Mala Fe

Omar Vizquel

"Indestructible" by Disturbed; "Spoonman" by Soundgarden

Mark Kotsay

"Stranglehold" by Ted Nugent; "Higher" by Creed

Jake Peavy

"Sweet Home Alabama" by Lynyrd Skynyrd

Matt Thornton

"Livin In Sin" by Godsmack

Sergio Santos

» "The Night" by Disturbed





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Sounds like a hit

White Sox batters turn to music to get in the right frame of mind

By Matthew Bruce

FOR REDEYE

One against nine.

No matter what level of athlete, those are long odds.

But that's arguably what every Major League Baseball batter faces about four or five times a game.

So what do hitters use to give them that added boost as they travel to home plate, a trip that just may be one of the loneliest moments in sports?

Music, of course.

At-bat songs are a baseball staple that can provide a rare glimpse into the personalities of baseball players who often select tunes with personal meaning. As the White Sox begin a high-pressure, must-win series against the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday, they'll need any extra motivation they can find.

"It helps me out a lot," said White Sox left fielder Juan Pierre, who approaches the batter's box to Canton Jones' "I Call Him G.O.D." "With the song I use, it makes me realize that God's in control. There's no need to panic or put any added pressure on myself. So it helps out a lot when I hear it walking up to the plate."

Pierre, who sets the offensive tone for the Sox as the leadoff hitter, nowadays gets keyed up at a mellower pace than he once did.

"I'm really into the Christian rap, that's my thing now. I can't listen to all that hip-hop like I used to anymore," he said. "Those are the kinds that get my mind right. Thanking God and praising him every at-bat, every time I put on a uniform, realizing that this is a blessing. That's where I'm at right now with mine."

Sox shortstop Alexei Ramirez prefers a more upbeat tempo for his plate appearances, alternating between Rihanna's "Rude Boy" and reggaeton artist Don Omar for his at-bats.

"It's a combination of things: It calms me

down, but it helps me concentrate," Ramirez said. "It gets me in the right frame of mind because it gets me comfortable at the plate."

Other players, however, give their selections much less thought.

Catcher A.J. Pierzynski opts for Creed's "Bullets" because he's friends with several of the band members. The 13-year veteran started choosing his own at-bat songs last season in an effort to break out of a hitting slump.

"It's there, and you hear it, but honestly I think you listen to other guys' music more than you listen to your own," Pierzynski said. "You've got so many things going through your mind at that moment. Who's the pitcher? How's he pitching to our guys? What's going on in the ballgame? Music's the last thing you're thinking about."

Carlos Quentin approaches his at-bats with a more workmanlike mentality, electing to have no music accompany him on his trips to the plate.

"This is our job; I've got to hit," he said. "So I just focus in on my plan, try to pay attention to the game, see how the pitcher's throwing to similar-type middle-of-the-order guys, and I go to compete."

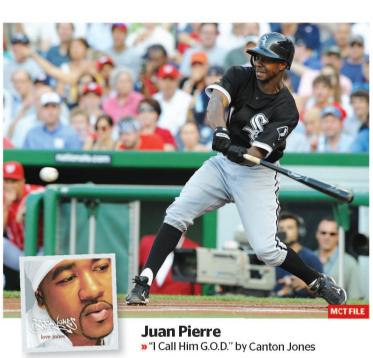
Though not as important to everybody, in a task as daunting as battling big-league pitching, where rhythm and timing are key elements, music still plays a pivotal role for some players. Whether it be to soothe the nerves or focus their concentration, a familiar tune can help settle any jitters hitters may have.

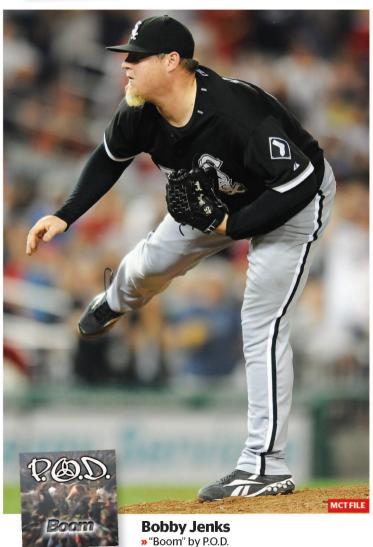
"I'm not trying to get into a killer mode or nothing like that. In baseball, you've got to remain calm," Pierre said. "You get that [killer] instinct, and you'll be swinging at everything over your head or anything. So you've got to be kind of even-keel playing baseball. It's just more of a relaxing mood I try to get in. Not too intense, but not too laid back. Kind of in that middle stage."

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Catch these new NFL rules

On Sunday, we got a taste of the new NFL rules. The kinds of rules that, despite catching the ball, breaking the plane of the end zone, controlling it the entire way and having his body hit the ground, determined Calvin Johnson's catch was not a catch.



So I did some research and discov-

ered some other rules that will be enforced this year.

- » A player can be awarded a touchdown only if he sticks the landing. On an Olympic judging scale, the catch must be awarded a 7.0 or better. This is up to the discretion of the officials
- » A player can be considered down only if every body part is touching the ground and if the player is held in a half nelson for three seconds.
- » If a team throws the ball deep and yells "500," the team catching the ball will be awarded 500 points. Dead or alive is not legal in regular-season play.
- » Overtime games will be decided by a game of rock-paper-scissors. In the event of a tie, a game of Risk will be played.
- » In an effort to cut down on excessive celebrations, first downs will result in a 15-yard penalty.
- » All players will be required to submit a league-approved mug shot free of any brands not in sponsorship with the NFL at the beginning of each season.
- » Upon completion of a touchdown, teams will have the option to attempt a four-point conversion by throwing a football through a moving tire swing.
- » Forward laterals are now legal, just because it would be kind of awesome.
- » Kickers will be forced to purchase personal seat licenses if they wish to sit on the team plane.
- » All footballs will be covered in grease, and a catch will be considered complete when the receiver holds onto the ball inbounds, is ruled down and a referee cannot forcibly pry the ball from their hands.
- » In addition to visiting Disney World, the Super Bowl MVP will be contractually bound to date a Kardashian.

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five on five

Double bill

TOPIC

night?

season?

Guests are always welcome on our panel. Watch out for Phil, though. He's touchy-feely. Sign up at redeyechicago.com/5on5.

Why were there two Monday

Night Football games last

The Bears are 1-0, but ...

vs. Minnesota now?

How big is this White Sox series

Ozzie Guillen tweeted about

"Erwin." Who is Erwin?

What does the winner of the St. Louis-Cubs rivalry get this



PHIL THOMPSON

In case ESPN had to bleep

... this upcoming blowout

by Dallas might count as

Bigger than the Minnesota

Erwin is his nerdy alter ego.

He just cusses more intel-

An offseason of Rams or

ligently.

Bears football.

lake Soxman will drown

himself in if the Sox lose.

out Rex Ryan's game.

ALEX QUIGLEY Hank Williams Jr. had a slight stuttering problem during the NFL's scheduling

... no buts. Calvin Johnson gets paid millions to know the NFI's rules

Danny DeVito-sized

meeting.

It's sorta like "Jacob" from "Lost."

A big pile of meh. Meh soaked in tears and beer. Mehbeertears

JULIE DICARO

Because most baseball races have been over since June. We're gonna need a lot of football.

... we're going to have to pay the same refs to follow us around all season

Oh, are the White Sox still playing baseball?

Ozzie always tweets about being stuck in traffic, so I'm going to guess "Erwin" is his car.

A complimentary package of Australian chewing sticks from Dusty Baker.



JERRY RILES

There were two games last night? I must have passed out after my 10th tequila

... they still have 15 games left. Can you say 3-13?

So big that even Cubs fans will watch just to see what a

pennant race looks like.

"Erwin" is the Taco Bell Chihuahua reincarnated as the Sox's new mascot.

A chance to drink a Bud and sing the seventh-inning stretch while standing atop the Harry Caray statue.



RAHULA STROHL

Something just seems slimy about the NFL creating a "tradition" based on a Katrina rescheduling.

... the "but" is so glaringly obvious that any other answer is impossible to

conjure. It'd be bigger if the Sox

could have beaten the bloody Orioles last month.

Either he meant "Edwin" or he's a huge fan of Schrodinger's cat thought experiment.

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■ Vampires Suck (PG-13) 10:55,1:05,3:20,5:25,7:35,9:50 ■ Despicable Me (PG) 10:15,12:35,2:50,5:05,7:20,10:00

■ The Expendables (R) 11:55.2:30.5:00.7:30.10:10

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Everyone Else (NR) 7:45 P.M.

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■ Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 7:10,9:45 ■ The Switch (PG-13) 11:50,2:15,5:10,7:50,10:35

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■ Step Up 3D (PG-13) 11:05,4:10,9:20 ■ Inception (PG-13) 12:00,3:15,6:40,10:10 ■ Salt (PG-13) 11:25,1:55,4:25,7:20,10:00

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■ The Other Guys (PG-13) 1:50,4:25,7:05,9:40 ■ Despicable Me (PG) 12:30,3:00,5:30 ■ Step Up 3 (PG-13) 9:50 P.M.

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■ Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 1:20,0:25,0:7:15,10:20

■ The Expendables (R) 2:00,4:50,7:45,10:25

■ Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 2:30,10:50

■ The Other Guys (PG-13) 2:40,5:10,8:00,10:40

■ Inception (PG-13) 2:50,5:30,9:45

■ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 1:245,3:45,6:45,9:50

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Get Low (PG-13) 12:00,2:20,4:40,7:00,9:20

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■ Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (R) ★ 11:30,2:30,4:30,7:00,9:30
■ Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (R) ★ 11:30,2:30,4:30,7:00,9:30
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■ Get Low (PG-13) 11:25,1:55,4:25,7:00,9:35
■ Going the Distance (R) ★ 11:20,54,4:25,7:10,9:45
■ Mao's Last Dancer (PG) 12:55,4:36,7:10,10:10
■ Mesrine: Killer Instinct (R) 11:20,500,10:35
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■ Mesrine: Public Enemy Number One (R) ★ 2:00,7:45
■ Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 1:50,4:35,7:20,10:05
■ Takers (PG-13) 11:35,2:10,4:40,7:25,10:30
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■ The Other Guys (PG-13) ±1:35,2:50,5:25,7:55,10:30

■ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 12:05,3:10,6:10,9:10

■ Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13)
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Lovie defends calls

Bears coach Lovie Smith had to pause for a moment Monday to consider the irony of the question.

Criticized often for his Cover-2 scheme, Smith was asked why there wasn't safety help for Zack Bowman when the 6-foot-1 cornerback was put in a jump-ball situation against 6-5 Calvin Johnson, a leap the Lions wide receiver won—until he tried to brace himself with the ball in his right hand and it squirted out.

"It seems like every time we play double coverage, [people ask] 'Why do you guys play two deep?' "Smith said. "On that play, we had a blitz on—'Why don't you blitz more?'—and when you blitz you can't double cover everybody on each play. Football 101. Can't do it. On that play we didn't. The next two we did."

The Bears were in Cover-3 on the play with 24 seconds remaining in the 19-14 victory Sunday that was preserved when an official replay review deemed Johnson's would-be 25-yard touchdown catch to be an incompletion.

Meanwhile, Smith remained resolute in his decision to have Matt Forte try to run in on fourth-and-goal from the I after he had failed in three previous goalline runs.

"Nothing has changed," Smith said. "I went for it because I thought we could get it. ... In those situations, probably will do the same thing again."

- » A panel of national writers has voted Sylvia Fowles of the Sky to the All-WNBA first team. Fowles averaged career highs of 17.8 points, 9.9 rebounds, 2.6 blocks and 32 minutes this season while shooting a career-best 76 percent from the free-throw line.
- » One of the Arena Football League's most honored players is set to be named as the new Rush head coach Tuesday. Bob McMillen, a 13-year AFL veteran and former Rush fullback, will be introduced at a downtown news conference as only the second head coach in the team's nine-year history.

» The availability of Northern Illinois football coach Jerry Kill for Saturday's game at Illinois remains uncertain after he was hospitalized Sunday for dehydration following surgery nine days earlier.



Two "Monday Night Football" games after Thursday's seasonopener is almost too much NFL for me. Almost. Here now, my picks.



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Outdoor dining and drinking still hot at these new patios

By Lisa Arnett

Summer's long days may be slipping away, but a few bars and restaurants are keeping the spirit alive with late-season patio debuts. Take advantage of lingering mild weather—or find a spot to step outside in fall and beyond—at these late-to-the-party outdoor spaces.

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HEARTY 3819 N. Broadway, 773-868-9866	Strings of Edison bulbs zigzag above this picturesque Boystown patio, decorated with a whimsical mural and shaded by rectangular sails draped from the building.	40	Opened in late August and will stay open weather permitting	Heat lamps and cocktail carafes in weekly rotating flavors such as hibiscus margaritas or blueberry caipirinhas (\$15-\$18) will help war off the chill.
BOILER ROOM 2210 N. California Ave. 773-276-5625	This Logan Square pizza bar's fenced- in backyard beer garden features pic- nic tables and funky light sculptures made from massive glowing cubes attached to spiral staircases.	50	Debuting at a DJ-fueled opening bash Oct. 1 and staying open as weather permits	Heat lamps are in the works to squeeze in a few more weeks of outdoor imbibing.
CHICAGO CUT STEAK- HOUSE 300 N. LaSalle St. 312-329-1800	This sunny plaza on the north side of the Chicago River features stainless steel tables shaded by massive canti- lever umbrellas.	100	Opening Sept. 20 along with the restaurant and closing when cold weather sets in for good	Heat lamps will keep Bears fans warm during a pre-game buf- fet brunch launching in early October.
HENRI 18 S. Michigan Ave. 312-578-0763	This sophisticated new sibling to down- town gastropub the Gage boasts side- walk seating prime for a leisurely work- day lunch or a sunset dinner across the street from Millennium Park.	40	Opened Sept. 3 and will stay open weather permitting	Heat lamps are a possibility, but plans are preliminary.
SULLY'S HOUSE 1501 N. Dayton St. 773-244-1234	This Old Town bar's second-floor roof- top deck lined with umbrella-topped tables and chic sectional couches is just as popular for weeknight drink- ing as for college football Saturdays.	45	Opened Aug. 19. Thanks to a full canopy, it'll stay open year-round.	Heat lamps will help keep this covered space stay toasty well into the winter.





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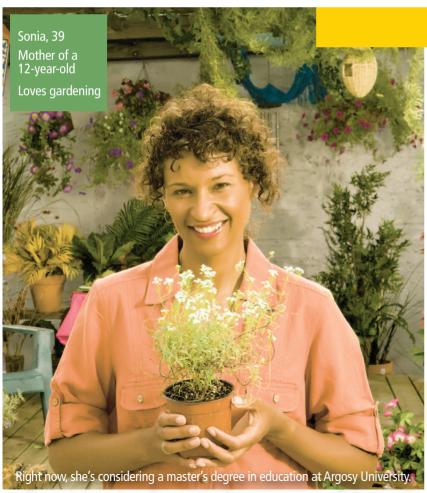
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ANISTON'S WEB

By Dana Moran | RedEye If the tabloids are to be believed, Jennifer Aniston, who guest stars on Wednesday's "Cougar Town" premiere, is racking up hookup points faster than any 40-something feline. Just how crazy does it get? Let's review her current and recent rumored paramours.

People.com reports Aniston and Pink Taco founder Harry Morton have been dating for about a month, citing such similarities as loving "dogs" and "the

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beach." Which clearly





JASON SUDEIKIS

The two starred in "Bounty Hunter" but weren't linked until this summer, when they began filming "Horrible Bosses." Sudeikis took a jab at Aniston in the August issue of GQ, telling the mag "she should be so lucky" to be dating him. He called the guip a joke in the October issue of Vanity Fair. **Currently dating January**

JOHN MAYER

The two had an offand-on relationship in 2008 and 2009. and eonline.com reports that Aniston was spotted backstage at Mayer's Aug. 22 concert. Mayer wrote on his Tumblr account later that week that the Huffington Post was "full of [bleep]" for its reporting techniques, but he never really denied the reunion

Dated Jessica Simpson in 2006



GERARD BUTLER

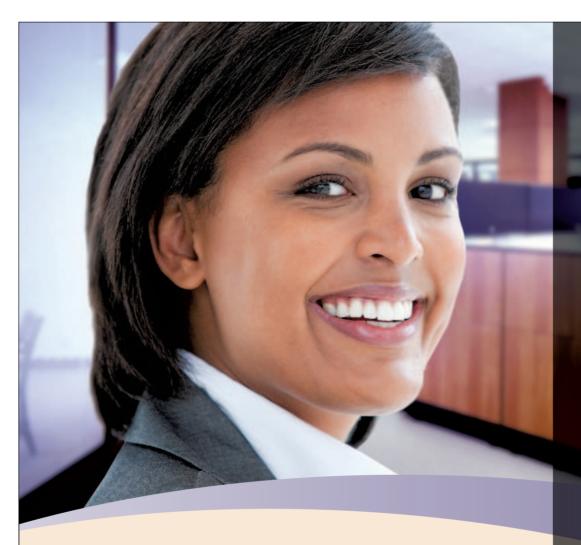
Butler and Aniston were linked during the filming and promotion of "The Bounty Hunter" in 2009 and 2010, people.com reports, but both stars took on the mantra of "deny, deny, deny." They added fuel to the fire with a sensual photo spread and cover for the April issue of W magazine.

Was linked to Rosario Dawson in 2007

JOSH HOPKINS

Aniston recently filmed her guest spot on "Cougar Town," and people. com reports she and "Cougar" co-star had dinner Sept. 2. Though he picked up the check, Hopkins told People on Sunday that the two are "just friends," and he paid because he's "a Southern gentleman."

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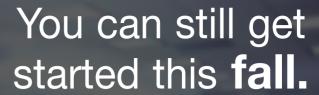
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Lady Gaga's meat made a big stink. The singer, who accepted one of her VMA trophies Sunday wearing a dress made of real cuts of beef, has been blasted by PETA, which issued a statement on its blog asking, "What's next: the family cat made into a hat?" Gaga appeared on "Ellen" on

Monday and defended her outfit, saying she meant no offense and "if we don't stand up for what we believe in, if we don't fight for our rights, pretty soon we're gonna have as much rights as the meat on our bones," ew.com reports. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTO**

-Final tweet made Sunday by John Mayer, whose spokesman said in an e-mailed statement Monday that the rocker has discontinued his Twitter account, according to The Associated Press



Facebook this!

Guess who's not too jazzed about his portraval in Facebook flick "The Social Network"? Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg (left). "I think a lot of people will look at that stuff,

you know, when I was 19, and say, 'Oh, well, he was like that,' " he said of the movie that's due out Oct. 1. " 'He must still be like that, right?' " GETTY IMAGES PHOTO

'Evil' empire

Creating the fifth installment of the "Resident Evil" movie franchise will include some audience participation, Milla Jovovich tells nymag.com. Jovovich, who plays butt-kicker Alice in the series, says she and director Paul W.S. Anderson, her husband, have been soliciting input on Twitter. "It's probably going to be one of the first movies where we really talk to fans to see what they want, and what characters they want to see," she



Phoenix rising?

In what's sure to be an entertaining turn, Joaquin Phoenix (left) will return to "The Late Show with David Letterman" on Sept. 22 to promote his new documentary, "I'm Still Here," according to

Mayer

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CBS. The last time Phoenix hit up Letterman, in February 2009, he seemed to be completely incoherent and unresponsive. Let's see if he brings the crazy this time.



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OBITUAR!ES &



Friends and dear loved ones have gathered in utter anguish over the loss of twin brothers, Hugo and Franklin Gemininius. Both born in Yorkshirepuddinton, both were loving sons to mummie Bertha and pop Chuck.

During eulogies regarding the brothers, several family members got into a bit of a scuffle over which twin was older. Hugo was born before Franklin, but, according to their birth certificates, Franklin was older than Hugo. The hospital maintains that this fact is absolutely true.

How is this so?

(Send double flowers.)



We bid adieu this day to Harriet Tanglefoot, who recently passed in a tragic climbing accident. A bystander recounts the tale: "As she attempted to scale the 60-foot cliff, she would leap ahead three feet, and then slip back two. I can only guess how long it would have taken for her to reach the top, because just before she got there... well...and it didn't help that she was eating bananas the whole way, either."

So as our time with Harriet ends, we ask ourselves this question: how long would it have taken Harriet to scale the cliff, had she not left us so soon?¹²



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ASK LAYTON

'AYE ME EYE!'

So I was walkin' down the street the other day when me eye popped right out of me head, happens all the time. Ya see it's made of wood and reckons it can escape whenever it pleases. Usually I jus' pick 'er up & pop 'er in, but this time she fell in a hole! A deep'un too. Any ways, this hole has a sharp bend in it

ways, this hole has a sharp bend in it so I can't get me hand in there, and the area around it is solid concrete; so me shovel won't make a dent. Can ya help an old codger out Professor Layton? What can I use to get me eye back!?

-Cy Kloperson

My friend Cy, Have you considered filling the hole with something to raise the eye up? Also, I recommend a proper washing.

Yours truly, Prof. Layton

'RIGHT BIG BUMMER!'

I was hoping you could help me with a puzzle so maddening, so perplexing that I refuse to talk to my bugger of a friend at this point! I owed him \$35.00, and he said I could only pay him using three bills. I said this would not be a problem, but then he told me I couldn't use a \$10 bill! I was so blinkin' angry at his impossible request, we haven't spoken since. Surely you'll agree with me that my friend is simply a loon! What self-respecting Brit uses dollars anyways!?

— Bo Bummersly

Dear Bummersly, Have you considered that your friend might have the third bill to give you change? He's a crafty one your pal.

Yours truly, Prof. Layton

YE SPOILER ALERT!

1) Yes, it's harder. 2) True.
Two capital T's. 3) He threw it straight up. 4) He was walking.
5) The hourglass. 6) It was a boat race. 7) Two. His first shot was not straight at the hole. 8) 'Twas Mark Neckett (Question Mark). 9) He stole it at night. 10) No, Jenkins is deaf. 11) Franklin died later than Hugo. 12) 58 leaps. 13) A mosquito. 14) Ten & Forty. 15) Eight (8). 16) Fill the 3 and pour into the 5. Repeat. You'll be left with 1 gallon.

CEREBRAL DIAGNOSTICS?

Before you run off to help Professor Layton, why not stop by for a routine brain-readiness test at MacGregor & Pridmore's? Quick, semi-painless & side-effect almost free! Stop in today & see if you have a proper brain for the task.

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'NANNY SEARCH: MUST BE SWEET AND SMART'

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Before you inquire with your application, to prove your merit I must ask of you first: how old am I, and how old is my daughter?¹⁴ 'HELP WANTED: HATS OFF TO YOU MATE!'





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DO YOU MEASURE UP

Wine shop needs help measuring out one-gallon bottles. Problem is we only have five & three gallon bottles. Are you a proper whiz who can help us out?¹⁶

